

**Lawrence Martin Statements in support of Dissertation:
The Use of Ecosystem Services Information for Environmental Decision-Making**

1. Ecosystem services valuation procedures are a good way to communicate the importance of ecological health and ecological systems' integrity to stakeholders or society at large.
2. Information based upon ecosystem services valuations provide valuable inputs for decision-makers, and depending on the question or problem, can promote achievement of environmental protection objectives.
3. Qualitative use of ecosystem services information can, with success and time, lead to support for the more resource intensive use of quantitative ecosystem services information to inform decisions.
4. The valuation of natural resources is a limited application of ecosystem services valuation, but as a standard accounting practice, it is a constructive introduction to the broader ecosystem services concept.
5. Ecosystem services information can be a tool for sustainability assessment and offers a framework to integrate social, economic and environmental metrics with the time dimension.
6. The choice of decision-making methods is influenced by the subjective, normative values subscribed to by the decision-maker.
7. The choice of a well-accepted decision-making framework introduces subjective bias into the analysis of objective data by favoring established and conservative value propositions.
8. Data collection to inform decisions in public administration, no matter how relevant, can be ineffectual when decision-makers value different data more highly, or an employ an analytical framework that does not admit the validity or relevance of the collected data.
9. Sustainability concepts, including ecosystem services, can bridge between value-based beliefs and instrumental rationality.
10. Social science is most valuable to society when it is applied to solving real-world problems.
11. If you only search for the key under the lamppost because that is the only place where there is light to see, you may find it none-the-less.